

Public Law 85-895

AN ACT

September 2, 1958
[H. R. 12883]

To provide for certain improvements relating to the Capitol Power Plant and its distribution systems.

Capitol Power
Plant, improve-
ments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized and directed to effect the following improvements, with such modifications as the Commission may approve, relating to the Capitol Power Plant and its distribution systems:

(1) Install, in addition to the present boiler equipment, four new boilers, each approximately fifty thousand pounds per hour capacity, two hundred fifty pounds per square inch gage, including necessary auxiliary equipment, in the existing Capitol Power Plant building for supplying steam and other required services for the buildings now supplied by the plant, for the Additional House Office Building and other improvements authorized by the Additional House Office Building Act of 1955, approved April 22, 1955 (69 Stat. 41, 42), and for other additions and improvements authorized to be supplied with steam from the Capitol Power Plant; also install a fuel storage and distribution system at the Capitol Power Plant, including additions to the existing railroad siding at the Capitol Power Plant.

(2) Install at the Capitol Power Plant, in lieu of existing deteriorated equipment, new coal-handling equipment of increased capacity and make necessary changes to the existing coal storage bunkers in the Capitol Power Plant to effect improvements in operation.

(3) Increase the capacity of the refrigeration plant at the Capitol Power Plant from eight thousand eight hundred tons to approximately fourteen thousand eight hundred tons of refrigeration by the installation of two or more centrifugal compressor units, complete with pumps and necessary auxiliary equipment and connect the same to the existing chilled water distribution systems; install an additional cooling tower at the Capitol Power Plant to supply cooling water for the expanded refrigeration plant, together with necessary cooling water pumps, piping and valves; install transformer and electrical equipment, and all other necessary incidental items—all as required to supply chilled water for the buildings now supplied by the plant, for the additional House Office Building and other improvements authorized by the Additional House Office Building Act of 1955, approved April 22, 1955 (69 Stat. 41, 42), and for other additions and improvements authorized to be supplied with refrigeration from the Capitol Power Plant.

(4) Install in the existing subway between the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings, in lieu of existing piping, new chilled water pipes of increased capacity.

(5) Install new underground chilled water piping between the present terminus of the pipe tunnel under Constitution Avenue west of First Street Northeast and the new chilled water pipes to be installed under paragraph (4) of this section, and connect the same with the existing chilled water system.

(6) Install new steam pipes of increased capacity in the existing pipe tunnel under the courtyard of the Senate Office Building; install new steam pipes in the basement of the Senate Office Building from the west end of the courtyard tunnel to the existing subway between the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings, through such subway to the Capitol Building, and through the Capitol Building to the House

40 USC 175 note.

wing of the Capitol and connect the same to the existing services in the Capitol Building. Discontinue the use of, and remove, the existing steam pipes between Independence Avenue and the Capitol Building which conflict with the new subways to be constructed between the House Office Buildings and the Capitol Building; and discontinue the use of, and remove, the obsolete steam piping under the Capitol Grounds and plaza which presently supply steam to the Capitol Building.

(7) Modify and improve the steam pipe expansion systems in the existing pipe tunnel between the Senate Office Building and the Government Printing Office so that the transmitting capacity of the entire Capitol Power Plant steam distribution system can be increased from one hundred twenty pounds per square inch to two hundred pounds per square inch, which is the present generating pressure of the boilers in the Capitol Power Plant.

(8) Replace the deteriorated cork insulation on the chilled water pipes in the pipe tunnel under South Capitol Street between the Capitol Power Plant and the New House Office Building and install new pipe connections from the South Capitol Street tunnel to the Additional House Office Building, referred to in paragraph (1) of this section, to supply chilled water for air conditioning in that building.

(9) Install new steam and condensate return connections from the existing steam duct under South Capitol Street to the Old House Office Building, via C Street Southeast, to supply steam for heating and other existing services in the Old House Office Building, and abandon the existing steam tunnel under First Street Southeast from the Capitol Power Plant to the Old House Office Building, which presently supplies the steam service for that building.

(10) Install new steam and condensate return connections from the existing steam duct under South Capitol Street to the Additional House Office Building, referred to in paragraph (1) of this section, to supply steam for heating and other services in that building.

(11) Install new steam and condensate return connections from the Additional House Office Building, referred to in paragraph (1) of this section, to the existing steam duct manhole near the intersection of Independence Avenue and First Street Southwest, to supply steam for heating and other existing services in the Botanic Garden, and abandon the steam duct under Independence Avenue between South Capitol Street and First Street Southwest which presently supplies steam service to the Botanic Garden.

(12) Modify and improve the steam expansion systems now supplying the Capitol Building, the New House Office Building, and Botanic Garden, including the drainage of such systems, and make such replacements as may be necessary to the steam and condensate return pipes of such systems.

SEC. 2. The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into such contracts and to make such expenditures for labor, materials, equipment, personal and other services, structural and other changes, and other items and purposes, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a total amount not to exceed \$6,500,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House

Appropriation.

Office Building Commission, is authorized to obligate such total amount, prior to the actual appropriation of the full amount thereof, after an appropriation of any part of such total amount shall have been made.

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Public Law 85-896

AN ACT

September 2, 1958
[H. R. 11382]

To amend title 38 of the United States Code to authorize the conversion or exchange, under certain conditions, of term insurance issued under section 621 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, and for other purposes.

Term insurance.
Conversion and
exchange.
48 Stat. 526.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective as of January 1, 1959, section 723 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (b) is redesignated as subsection (c).

(2) Insert the following new subsection immediately after subsection (a):

65 Stat. 36,
38 USC 822.

“(b) Any term insurance heretofore issued under section 621 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, may be converted to a permanent plan of insurance or exchanged for a policy of limited convertible five-year level premium term insurance issued under this subsection. Insurance issued under this subsection shall be issued upon the same terms and conditions as are contained in the standard policies of National Service Life Insurance except (1) after September 1, 1960, limited convertible term insurance may not be issued or renewed on the term plan after the insured’s fiftieth birthday; (2) the premium rates for such limited convertible term or permanent plan insurance shall be based on table X-18 (1950-54 Intercompany Table of Mortality) and interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum; (3) all settlements on policies involving annuities on insurance issued under this subsection shall be calculated on the basis of The Annuity Table for 1949, and interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum; (4) all cash, loan, paid-up, and extended values, and, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all other calculations in connection with insurance issued under this subsection shall be based on table X-18 (1950-54 Intercompany Table of Mortality) and interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum; (5) insurance and any total disability provision added thereto issued under this subsection shall be on a nonparticipating basis and all premiums and other collections therefor shall be credited directly to the revolving fund referred to in subsection (a) and payments on such insurance and any total disability provision added thereto shall be made directly from such fund.”

(3) The second sentence of the subsection redesignated by paragraph (1) as subsection (c) is amended to read as follows: “The rate of interest on such obligations shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury at a rate equal to the rate of interest, computed as of the end of the month preceding the date of issue of such obligations, borne by all marketable interest-bearing obligations of the United States then forming a part of the public debt that are not due or callable until after the expiration of five years from the date of original issue; except that where such average rate is not a multiple of one-eighth of 1 per centum, the rate of interest of such obligations shall be the multiple of one-eighth of 1 per centum nearest such average rate.”

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